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June 22, 1983

The Honorable William J. Casey
The Director of Central Intelligence
Washington D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

This is to confirm our June 6th National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS) Executive Board meeting. As we discussed, an effective national drug interdiction program can only be achieved through the full coordination and cooperation of all the involved departments and agencies.

In order to accomplish this we have created five additional regional centers which, when combined with the South Florida Task Force, form the basis for the NNBIS. Each center is headed by a Regional Coordinator and a Deputy Coordinator selected from the participating agencies. A small staff working for me under the direction of my Chief of Staff, Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, will coordinate inter-regional efforts and interface with appropriate agency personnel here in Washington and at regional levels. I have attached an outline reviewing this and our June 6th discussions.

I need your full support in all our efforts to staff and make fully functional the NNBIS regional offices. I have attached a chart of initial personnel needs for each region by agency. The host agency for the Regional Coordinator's Operations Information Center (OIC) will need to provide the appropriate physical spaces and equipment.

I also need your continuing support in making available the necessary resources for regional routine and special operations. My staff and the Regional Coordinators will be working closely with your staff to ensure that we make the maximum effective use of all our nation's resources in fighting the almost overwhelming problem of drug importation.

Thank you very much for your help. The task of coordinating national border interdiction of narcotics is enormous and highly challenging. I look forward to working together with you as we further develop and implement a strong and effective strategy.

Sincerely,

George Bush

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

15 July 1983

The Vice President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The Intelligence Community and CIA will do their utmost to supply the foreign intelligence needs of the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System (NNBIS). Based on the results of the Executive Board meeting held on June 6 and on discussions between my staff and your staff, I recommend that this support take the following form:

- First, we would like to survey the intelligence needs of two typical Centers, probably New York and Long Beach, such surveys to be prepared after visits to the Centers by the National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics and a narcotics intelligence analyst.
- Based on these surveys, a written recommendation will be prepared for your staff suggesting how the foreign intelligence that flows into the Centers should be managed, collated, and presented to users.
- CIA would offer to train intelligence personnel from other agencies assigned to the Centers in the management, collation and presentation of available intelligence.

I am also working with other members of the Intelligence Community -- particularly NSA and DIA -- to insure their full cooperation with your efforts. I am convinced that the conventional tools of the foreign intelligence profession --

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will continue to make a contribution to narcotics interdiction programs. You have my assurance of full cooperation.

Sincerely,

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William J. Casey

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